

## REMARKS

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated June 15, 2007. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,980,583 issued to Staub et al. (hereinafter "Staub et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,985,385 issued to Gottfried (hereinafter "Gottfried") for the reasons of record stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Staub et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,828,119 issued to Warburton et al. (hereinafter "Warburton et al.") for the reasons of record stated on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

Staub et al. purports to relate to a method of manufacturing durable press garments by inserting garments into an apparatus capable of tumbling the garments. The garments may be impregnated with a durable press resin. A system of separate components (i.e.; separate main chemical storage tank, mix/measure chemical storage tank, and atomizer unit are connected in series outside of the tumbling apparatus). A hole is located in the door of the tumbling apparatus for injecting the durable press resin into the tumbling apparatus. [See Staub et al. column 5, lines 13 – 67 and column 6, lines 1 – 40].

Gottfried purportedly relates to a fire and heat protection wrapping system for wrapping conduits, cable trays, transmission lines, cables, and other electrical transmission devices associated with the transmission of electricity and electrical signals, and gas and oil pipelines where there is severe exposure to high temperatures in excess of three (3) hours in duration. [See Gottfried column 1, lines 6 – 18].

Warburton et al. purports to relate to a heat resistant insulated electrical wire comprising a metallic conductor, a polymeric organic insulation surrounding the conductor and an overlying covering of a composite body of heat resistant carded staple fiber. [See Warburton et al. Abstract].

Applicants have amended Claims 14 and 15 to more particularly define Applicants' invention. Support for the amendments are found on page 3, lines 20 – 27 and page 5, lines 4 – 5, and page 16, lines 30 – 34 of the instant application.

Neither Staub et al. in view of Gottfried nor Staub et al. in view of Warburton et al. teach or suggest a fabric article treating system comprising *inter alia* a discrete stand-alone fabric article treating device comprised of a single unit which is located inside of a fabric article drying appliance wherein the fabric article treating device is independent of the controls of the fabric article drying appliance and wherein the treating device includes a power source which is thermally protected wherein the thermal protection of the power source comprises a first layer adjacent to a second layer and a third layer adjacent to the second layer wherein the second layer has a thermal conductivity from about 0 to about 5 W/m\*°C at 25°C. Furthermore, neither Staub et al. in view of Gottfried nor Staub et al. in view of Warburton et al. teach or suggest the fabric treating system as claimed by applicants wherein the second layer comprises a gas, a solid, a liquid, or a combination thereof.

With regard to the Examiner's question on page 4 of the Office Action related to Applicants' claimed thermal conductivity, the "W" stands for watts and the "m" stands for meters. Wherein the expression of W/m x °C is a standard expression of thermal conductivity.

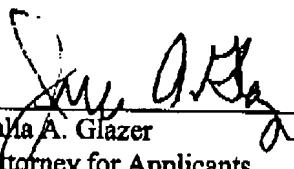
With regard to the Examiner's statement on page 4 of the Office Action, that "*Applicant did not argue the claimed numerical range of "0 to about 5 W/m°C at 25°C and the insulating medium of claim 2"* .... *"this is deemed to be an admission of obviousness"*". Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion. In the previous Office Action response, Applicants argued the unobviouness of Claims 14 and 15 as a whole. Hence, it is improper for the Examiner to infer that Applicants made an admission of obviousness.

Thus, as Claims 14 and 15 are unobvious over Staub et al. in view of Gottfried and Staub et al. in view of Warburton et al., Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

#### SUMMARY

Applicants submit that Claims 14 and 15 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

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